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Mihoko Shimano et al.

Application No.: 10/529,296

Confirmation No.: 4341

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Art Unit: 2851

For: Image Pickup Processing Method And Image  
Pickup Apparatus

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The Third Inventor is missing and should read as follows:

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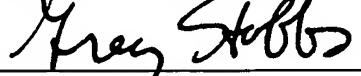
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## Image pickup processing method and image pickup apparatus

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<b>Title of Invention</b>	<b>IMAGE CAPTURING PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE CAPTURING SYSTEM</b>
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**IMAGE CAPTURING PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE CAPTURING SYSTEM**

the specification of which (check one)

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